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Claim 42 is supported by page 12, lines 6-8;

Claim 43 is supported by page 12, lines 6-8;

Claim 44 is supported by page 12, line 29, to page 13, line 8;

Claim 45 is supported by page 12, line 29, to page 13, line 8;

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 24-45 are pending in this application.

This application is a divisional application of U.S. application serial No. 10/435,354, filed May 12, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 09/796,607, filed March 2, 2001, which was a continuation application of U.S. application serial No. 09/147,669, filed February 24, 1999, which was a 371 of PCT application No. PCT/EP98/03533, filed June 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of UK application No. 9712434, filed June 13, 1997.

Applicants submit herewith a 37 CFR 1.604 request for an interference with U.S. patent application serial No. 10/176,851, published on March 20, 2003, as US 2003/0053957 A1 and naming Buenafae et al. as inventors.

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Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits with special dispatch. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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